GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO STATES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted higher allocations to keep the tourism industry on the priority of State Governments;

(b) if so, the details of such allocations made to Karnataka during the current year;

(c) whether the Government has instructed all the States to initiate policies encouraging private sector to build new hotels;

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) the action taken thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has been allocated Rs.953.00 crore for the year 2007-08 against the allocation of Rs.800.00 crore for the year 2006-07.

(b): The Ministry of Tourism does not make State-wise allocations of funds. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for promotion and development of tourism. The proposals that are complete in all respects are examined as per the Scheme guidelines and funds released on the basis of inter-se priority and availability of funds under the following schemes:

1. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects

3. Computerization and Information Technology

4. Events/Fairs and Festivals

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.90.52 crore for 47 projects to Government of Karnataka during the 10th Five Year Plan.

(c), (d) & (e): Several State Governments have created land banks for allotment of hotel sites.